



Select Poetry.

The Original "Beautiful Snow."

The Omaha Republican gives the following history of the origin of this production, which the London Spectator has pronounced to be the finest poem ever written in "America." During the early part of the war, one dark Saturday night, in midwinter, there died in the "Commercial Hospital," in Cincinnati, a young woman, over whose head only two-and-twenty summers had passed. She had once been possessed of an enviable share of beauty, and had been, she herself says, "fattered and sought for the charms of the face," but, alas, upon her fair brow was written that terrible word—prostitute. Once the pride of respectable parents, her first wrong step was the small beginning of the "same old story over again," which has been the early history of thousands. Highly educated and accomplished in manners, she might have shone in the best of society. But the evil hour that proved her ruin was the door from childhood, and having spent a young life in disgrace and shame, the poor friendless one died the melancholy death of a broken hearted outcast. Among her personal effects was found, in manuscript, "The Beautiful Snow," which was immediately carried to Enos B. Reed, a gentleman of culture and literary tastes, who was at that time editor of the National Union. In the columns of that paper, on the morning of the day following the girl's death, the poem appeared in print for the first time. When the paper containing the poem came out on Sunday morning the body of the victim had not yet received burial. The attention of Thos. Buchanan Reed, one of the first American poets was so taken with their stirring pathos that he immediately followed the corpse to its final resting-place. Such are the plain facts concerning her whose "Beautiful Snow" shall long be remembered as one of the brightest gems in American literature.

O, the snow, the beautiful snow!
Filling the sky and the earth below;
Over the houses, the trees, the hills,
Over the heads of the people you meet,
Dancing,
Flinging, skipping along;
Beautiful snow! it can do nothing wrong;
Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek,
Clinging to lips in frolicsome freak;
Beautiful snow from heaven above,
Pure as an angel, gentle as love!

O, the snow, the beautiful snow!
How the flakes fall as the wind blows,
Whirling about in their maddening fan
It plays in its glee with every one—
Chasing,
Laughing, hurrying by,
It lights on the face, and it sparkles in the eye;
And playful dogs, with a bark and a bound,
Snap at the crystals that eddy around;
The town is alive and its heart is a glow
To welcome the coming of the beautiful snow.

How wildly the crowd goes swaying along,
Hailing each other with humor and song!
How the gay sleds like meteors flash by,
Bright for the moment, then lost to the eye?
Kissing,
Swinging, dashing they go
Over the crust of the beautiful snow—
Snow so pure, when it falls from the sky,
As to make one regret to see it lie.
To be trampled and tracked by the thousand feet,
Till it blends with the filth in the horrible street.

Once I was pure like the snow, but I fell—
Fell like the snow flakes from heaven to hell;
Fell to be trampled as filth in the street;
Fell to be scoffed, to be spit on and beat;
Pleading,
Cursing, dreading to die;
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread;
Hating the living, and fearing the dead—
Merciful God! I have fallen so low!
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow.

Once I was fair as the beautiful snow,
With an eye like its crystal, a heart like its glow;
Once I was loved for my innocent grace,
Flattered and sought for the charms of the face.
Father,
Mother,
Sister, all,
God and myself I have lost by my fall!
The worst wretch that God ever shivers by
Will make a wide sweep left I wander too high;
For all that is on or above me I know
There's nothing as pure as the beautiful snow.

How strange it should be that this beautiful snow
Should fall on a sinner with nowhere to go!
How strange it should be when night comes again
If the snow and the ice struck my desperate brain!
Painting,
Freezing,
Dying alone,
Too wicked for prayer, too weak for a moan
To be heard in the crazy town,
Gone mad in the joy of the snow coming down,
To be and to die in my terrible woe,
With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow.

Helpless and foul as the trampled snow;
Sinner, despair not! Christ stoopeth low
To rescue the soul that is lost in sin,
And raise it to life and enjoyment again.
Groaning, bleeding,
Dying for thee,
His accents of mercy fell soft on thine ear:
Is there mercy for me? Will he heed my prayer?
O, God, in the stream that for sinners did flow,
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Select Story.

LEAVING THE FARM.

A Story for Young Wives.

"It is nothing but work, work, work, from morning till night. A farm life is a perfect slave's life, and for my part I am sick and tired of it."

And the face of the woman standing in the dairy-room of the farm house grew darker and more dissatisfied, as one after another the rolls of golden butter came to

perfection under the touch of her quick, skillful fingers.

She was a handsome woman of two-and-twenty, with wavy, brown hair, scarlet lips, and a charming face that looked as if made for smiles and dimples. When Gilbert Drew married her, three years before, people said he made a sad mistake—that this dainty girl, with her graces and accomplishments, would never be fit for a farmer's wife, and would have no idea of thrift and economy. But thus far in her matrimonial career she had not fulfilled the prophecy of the gossips. Blessed with perfect health and an active temperament, she took readily to household duties and, with the help of a stout girl during the summer months, managed affairs easily and skillfully at the farm house.

The farm itself, Gilbert's wedding gift from Grandfather Drew, was large, fertile and situated in a pleasant valley, and if well worked and tended would yield any man a comfortable living and something over for a rainy day. The house was roomy and pleasant, fitted for comfort as well as convenience. To Gilbert Drew this place seemed the very paradise of homes. He loved his young wife with an absorbing affection; he took pride in his fine, well-stocked farm and comfortable surroundings, and was perhaps as thoroughly content with his lot in life as it is possible for any man to be. But of late a feeling of dissatisfaction had been creeping into the heart of his wife; and, like many a mistaken mortal, she failed to appreciate the real and solid comforts that she every day enjoyed, and coveted the fair forbidden fruit that seemed just beyond her reach. A few months previous to the opening of our story she visited an old school-friend whose home was in the city. She attended several parties, visited the opera and other places of amusement, and rode in the park on sunny afternoons; and the gaiety and glitter of those few weeks completely turned the head of the country-bred woman, that the visit which her husband expected would prove a recreation to her, only served to make her restless and dissatisfied with her life. Ever since then she had been considering the possibility of inducing Gilbert to give up farming and remove to the city; but as yet she had not broached the subject to him, and she had felt reluctant to do so, for, knowing how much he was attached to his present home, she was well aware that a knowledge of her feelings would shock and pain him. But on this particular morning she was even more discontented than usual, and as he came whistling up the path and to the room where she was working, she made no effort to hide her tears, but met him with such a gloomy, pouting face that he stopped, surprised and wondering, in the doorway.

"Why, Alice! what is the matter?" he asked, quickly.

"I am tired of this everlasting house-work," she answered gloomily.

Gilbert drew forward then, and drawing his young wife to him said tenderly: "Don't cry, Alice. I did not know that you were working so hard; you should have told me before. We will have a better girl, or you can get little Nannie Briggs up here to help Susan, if that will suit you."

"I don't want any more help. If we must live in this out-of-the-way place, I may as well be a kitchen maid as anything else. But I don't want to live on a farm, and I wish that you would sell out and go to the city."

"Sell the farm and go to the city!—Do you mean that, Alice?"

"Yes, I mean it. What is the use of our slaving ourselves to death here, when we might live so much easier and happier in the city?"

"I am not sure of that. The farm affords us a comfortable living, and if we should sell it and go away, I am afraid we might see the day when we would be glad to come back."

"I am sure that I never should. In the city you could get in some business that would occupy only a part of your time, and when you are at liberty we could go out and enjoy ourselves and see something of the world, instead of being cooped up in this lonesome place."

"Oh, Alice, I am so sorry to hear you talk in this way. I thought you were contented and happy here." He was surprised and deeply grieved, and Alice knew it; but she had pondered this matter too long to give it up easily now, and she brought forward every argument that she could devise to convince him that she was right, and Gilbert drew went back to the field that morning with a sadder heart than he had carried for many a day.

After that Alice gave him no peace. She had set her heart on leaving the farm, and she was constantly picturing to him the easy care-free life she imagined they might live in the city. Gilbert was far from sharing her views on the subject; but he loved her too well to be unkind of her pleasure, and finding that she would be satisfied with nothing less, he finally yielded to her wishes. Having an opportunity to dispose of his farm and stock for a good price, he did so, and another spring time found our country friends safely settled in city quarters.

They purchased a handsome home in a fashionable locality, and Gilbert obtained the position of clerk in a dry goods establishment. Through friendly influences they gained admittance to an aristocratic circle, composed mostly of people with wealth and leisure at their disposal.

Alice, with her lovely face and easy graceful manners, became quite a belle, and her time was completely occupied in shopping, returning the calls of her fashionable

friends and visiting places of amusement. Gilbert grew used to finding the house closed and still, and hearing the servant girl say that her mistress had gone out. He was naturally social, and was always glad to have a few friends in of an evening and a cosy little supper; but he took no interest in the gay society in which Alice delighted, and large parties and midnight revelries were utterly distasteful to him. He was occupied at the store only during the day, and evening after evening he sat alone, while his wife passed away the hours at some brilliant gathering, listening to words of flattery, and forgetting her womanhood and her truth, inasmuch as she forgot to care for the interests of her home and the happiness of the man she had promised to love and honor. She had a natural fondness for dress; but in her country home, associating with people whose means were similar to her own, she had never indulged in any unwarranted extravagance, and had considered herself well dressed in an alpaca or a fresh muslin. But now she had everything about her to stimulate and arouse the desire for finery, and as the ladies with whom she associated wore jewels and fine laces, she naturally coveted the same, and was fretful and unhappy if denied them. Gilbert indulged her in everything that he could possibly afford; but his salary was not large, and sadly he realized that instead of gaining in property, as he had hoped to do, he was falling behind at a fearful rate. He grew morbid and unhappy, and the home that had blossomed with the flowers of love and peace lost its charm for both of them.

Coming home one night about a year after their removal to the city, Gilbert went up to his wife's room and found her before the mirror, giving the finishing touches to an elegant toilet. She looked very lovely standing there in her robe of azure silk, with its overdrift of misty lace caught up here and there with silver grasses. But the sight of her beauty excited no pride in her husband's heart, and with a keen pang he thought how once the sound of his footsteps had brought her to meet him with welcoming kisses and fond words.

"Are you going out again to-night, Alice?" he asked, sadly.

"Yes; this is the evening of Mrs. Hildreth's reception, and I could not think of staying away." "See, isn't my new dress becoming?" she asked, turning to him with an animated face.

"Yes, Alice, you look very lovely, but you used to look better to me in a shilling calico than you do to-night in all your finery. Oh, how happy we were in our old home. It seems to me that if we were back there now, just as we used to be, I should be the happiest man alive!"

"How can you be so absurd?" said Alice, almost in anger. I thought you were getting over those foolish notions.—You have been out lately more than usual and I did hope you had given up moping and would try and enjoy yourself."

"I have not been out expecting to find enjoyment. I only go out because it is so silent and lonesome here. I wish you would stay at home sometimes, Alice." He went on, pleadingly; "I want your company so much."

"I am not going to be forever tied up at home, for anybody," she retorted, "and if you are lonesome there is nothing to hinder you from going out and enjoying yourself, if you only would. Good night; Mrs. Clinton's carriage is waiting for me at the door;" and gathering up her silken skirts she ran lightly down the stairs, leaving her husband to pass his evening alone, or follow her advice and seek amusement abroad.

Never had Alice looked more radiantly beautiful than she did that night, and never had she received more attention. It may be that her conscience troubled her, and she was trying to drown its voice; at least she was grayer than usual, and her vivacity and sparkling wit kept her constantly surrounded by an admiring circle.

Late in the evening as she was sitting in a crimson-backed easy chair, languidly listening to the insipid talk of Mr. St. Cecil, one of her newest admirers, the hostess came to her, saying that there was a boy below asking for Mrs. Drew. Wondering what it could mean, Alice excused herself, and following Mrs. Hildreth, found a little colored boy who went on errands for them sometimes.

"What is the matter, Theodore?" she asked in alarm.

"Bridget sent me to 'form you dat massa Drew is sick, and she wished you'd come home 'medicate,' said the boy with alacrity.

The hostess ordered a servant to bring out the carriage; and Alice, without waiting to bid her friends adieu, hurried on her outer wrappings, and was soon whirling swiftly away from the scene of gaiety.

Gilbert ill, perhaps dying. The thought struck terror to her heart, and in an agony of self-reproach she remembered the unkind words she had spoken to him at parting. With whitening lips she sent up to Heaven a silent prayer that he would live that she might have space to ask his forgiveness and atone for her heartless conduct. When she reached home the door was opened for her by the servant girl, who said, in answer to her anxious inquiries, that her master was better and was sleeping then. He went out, she said, immediately after her mistress, and came home about an hour before, looking very strange, and not appearing in the least like himself. Two men came with him, but when she asked them go for the doctor they said "it was nothing—he would be all right in the morning." But

she was frightened, and so sent for her mistress.

Alice went to the room where her husband was, and found him lying on the sofa, apparently asleep. Going up to him she laid her hand upon his face and tried to rouse him. He looked up at her with a stupid stare, and, for the first time in his life, answered her harshly and unkindly. She had not the least suspicion of the truth, and thinking that his mind must be wandering talked to him tenderly and soothingly, but he answered only with bitter, taunting words, and by-and-by his breath came to her, tainted with the fumes of strong drink. Then, suddenly, the truth flashed to her mind. Her husband was drunk! Drunk! He whose life had always been one of uprightness, and upon whose purity she would have staked her soul! What an ending for her night of pleasure! She was not a heartless woman, and in spite of all her waywardness she truly loved her husband. For months she had been beside herself with vanity and excitement, and the desire for admiration and homage had overcome every other consideration. But that night, as she saw her husband lying there in his degradation, and realized that this was the harvest of her own sowing, her eyes opened and she saw the folly of her course in its true light. She never once thought of blaming her husband. Free from the evil influences that had held her in thrall, she was generous and ready to see and own her faults, and shudderingly she admitted to herself that her own discontent and wrong-doing, and that alone, had been the cause of her husband's downfall. Back and forth across her chamber she paced, sick at heart with the destiny she had brought upon herself.

From that night Gilbert Drew's course was downward. There was a set of dissipated fellows who had been trying to induce him to join their number, and having once got him under their influence, they did not give him up. Whenever he appeared in the street they were constantly meeting him and inviting him into drinking saloons and holding the tempting cup to his lips. And he heeded them and in a few short months fell from his high position down, down to the level of a common drunkard. It was Alice's turn to watch and wait now, and what long, lonely vigils she kept. She went no more into society, and the calls of her fashionable friends were unreturned and the invitations they sent her declined, till in a short time they left her to herself. She grew wan and hollow-eyed, and none knew how much of agony and remorse she suffered. Still she never complained, but, feeling that her sufferings were merited, she grew patient in her grief and loneliness.

Finally, for two whole days Gilbert was absent from home; and then there came to Alice a letter directed in his hand-writing. With trembling hands she broke the seal and read:

"Alice—I have left the city, and you will probably never see me again. I am a beggar, and the house in which we have lived will be sold in a week. Two years ago we had quite a nice little fortune of our own, but we have wasted it by our extravagance, and I by dissipation. Had you been contented away from this accursed city we might be happy now. But I will not lay all the blame on you. We have both done wrong. It was the mistake of our lives that we ever left the old farm. As it is, I am a drunken blot, and you will be better off without me. Good-bye, Alice. God knows I loved you once."

GILBERT.

The worst had come, at last, and with a face white and rigid as a corpse, Alice staggered back to the sofa, and lay there for a long time in a state of unconsciousness. But the future must be met, and after the first shock was over, she roused herself and tried to answer the question, "How?"

It was necessary that she should find something to do without delay, or she would be homeless and starving, and after several ineffectual attempts at something better, she was obliged to accept the only work that offered itself, and that was plain sewing that paid her, but small returns. She hired a little room in a tenement house, and the struggle for daily bread began. It was a sad and desolate life she led then. She never went out except to the store for work, and she seldom spoke to any one but her employer, unless it was now and then a kind word to a beggar-child. In her room, at its one window that looked out on bare, bleak walls, she sat and stitched day after day, while her form grew thinner, her face paler, and hope died out of her heart. In this way the time passed on, and weeks lengthened into months and months into years; still no tidings came of her absent husband.

The third winter that came to Alice in her humbled home seemed to her colder and drearier than any that had passed before. The long confinement began to tell upon her health, and at last she was really ill. She had never been able to earn anything more than was necessary for her daily expenses; and now, with the prospect of sickness staring her in the face, she often shuddered as she thought what the future might have in store for her. One morning not being able to work, she was sitting by her scanty fire thinking of these things. The memory that had haunted her all these years came to her then—the memory of the first three years of her married life, that had been so bright and happy. She thought of the pleasant home she had then enjoyed, with its cozy rooms, well-laden tables and generous fires, but more than all else she thought of the rich love that had crowned her.

"If I had had my home and my husband I should know how to prize them now," she murmured; "but I am so lonely and miserable here."

A tempest of tears and sobs shook her slight form, and slipping from her chair down upon her knees, she prayed to her Heavenly Father for patience and submission, just as she had done so many times in these later years. While she knelt there the door opened, but she was not conscious of any presence save her own in the room, till some one knelt by her side, and a voice quivering with emotion spoke her name. She looked up quickly then, and met the face of her husband—not as she remembered having last seen it, bloated and red with the effects of strong drink, but tender, refined and loving as it had been five years before.

"Thank God!—Thank God!" only those words and she was folded to her husband's heart, and her tired soul, forgetting its desolation, drifted back to the haven of rest once more.

Later, when they were calm, he told how he had fought with the tempter in the years since they had parted, and how he had come back then, master of himself, to ask her to begin life anew with him.

"Let us go back," said Alice, "to our old home. We shall be happier there."

So they went back as she wished, and rented the farm they had once owned, and began at the foot of the ladder. But they had contentment in their hearts, and with that even poverty is sweet.

Many years have passed since then, and Gilbert is a fine, hale old gentleman, and Alice a happy matron, the mother of noble sons and blooming daughters. Years of labor have brought them prosperity, and the home of their ancestors is theirs once more; and there they will pass the remainder of their days, both of them perfectly satisfied with their one experiment at "Leaving the Farm."

Buying a Practice.

"He is but a landscape painter," as Tennyson sings in "The Lord of Burleigh"; but once he was a physician, and, if his knowledge of medicine was equal to his knowledge of art, he was a very good physician. He was younger then than he is now, and he is not old, and he was greener—greener than any spring foliage he ever painted, and spring foliage, by the way, is a specialty of his. City born and bred, he made a short summer visit into the country, and, while there, heard incidentally of a country doctor who wished to sell his practice. He was hesitating, was our young friend, about his final choice of a profession, having failed to procure any but poor patients, who could not pay, and having also failed to paint any but poor pictures, which would not sell. It was an even thing with him whether he became a starving artist or remained a starving physician. He was earning no money as either, nor was he likely to, in the city. Why not try the country? Its inhabitants were honest, and simple-minded, he had somewhere read, and what, with the heat of the sun, and other novel peculiarities, they were, he thought, more liable to sickness than the denizens of a crowded city. Certainly the children were, for were they not perpetually eating green fruit? Yes, he would try the country, if, after looking into the practice that was to be disposed of, he could see a living in it. He called upon the disposing practitioner, who was but a little older than himself—an affable, good-natured young fellow, though rather verdant, he thought. The verdant one was willing to "vamoose the ranch," as he remarked, "for, between ourselves, there is a lady in California who is attached to me, though you would not think it, perhaps." "But about your practice?" "I won't say anything about it. But to-morrow, if you like, say to-morrow forenoon, I'll harness up, and you can see for yourself. It is not sickly now, I must tell you, but it's going to be soon, especially among children and old folks. Men like you and I might live forever here only they have no such men. Plenty of money though. My horse remembers the house of every patient in the neighborhood, and stops of himself at their doors. You can get down the number as we jog along, and decide whether you'll buy me out or no. And now suppose we adjourn to the tavern (are you stopping there?) and have something cool. I'm thirsty, and want to smoke. Mustn't smoke in my office, you know. Here's a cigar, you can smoke. Try it." They adjourned to the tavern, had something cool, smoked, and came to an agreement regarding the sum to be paid for the practice, past, present, and future—especially the future!

The next forenoon the pair drove through the town, or rather the country doctor did, and was a considerable time about it, so often did the noble animal that drew the buggy stop. "Why, Doctor, nearly every person in the town must have been under your hands," remarked our delighted client, keeping a mental tally of the stoppages. "Yes, suppose so,—at one time or another. 'Get up!' It was a constant 'get up!' to the horse, who appeared to remember his master's practice better than his master did."

It was purchased at once for a good round sum in cash, and that very afternoon the retired practitioner proceeded to the station, accompanied by two or three acquaintances who were enjoying something hugely. "Best thing out!" said one. "Beats all," replied another; "eh, Doc?" "Tol'ol," he answered coolly. The train stopped, took him on, and went screaming away with its precious freight—that affable, good-natured, verdant young person, who was going to California, where he had a tender attachment!

Days passed, and no patients! More days passed, and still no patients! What did it mean? Mean?—It meant that there was no practice there! The country M. D. had borrowed the horse of the milkman! That's all!

"Only this, and nothing more." "Etchings," Scribner's for August.

A sheep-stealer who had long escaped conviction, was recently caught in the very act, and civilly asked what excuse he had to offer. His answer was apt. He had to admit that he killed the sheep, but he added, with some indignation, "And if another attacks me in that way, see if I don't kill it, too!"

"Will you have some strawberries?" asked a lady of her guest. "Yes, madam, yes; I eat strawberries with enthusiasm." "Do tell! Well, we haven't anything but cream and sugar for 'em this evening," said the matter-of-fact hostess.

Meditation is the life of the soul; action is the soul of meditation; honor is the reward of action; so meditate that thou mayest do, so do that thou mayest purchase honor; for which purchase, give God the glory.

The Chinese have a saying that an unlucky word dropped from the tongue cannot be drawn back by a coach and six horses.

The true Christian is like an anagram. Read him up or down, right or left, and he always bears the name of his Master.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace that we are made to know how much dross was in our composition.

Agricultural.

THE PLOW.

God speed the plowshare! Tell me not
Disgrace attend the toil,
Of those who plow the dark green sod,
Or till the fruitful soil.
Why should the honest plowman shrink
From mingling in the van
Of learning and of wisdom, since
'Tis mind that makes the man?

God speed the plowshare, and the hands
That till the fruitful earth,
For there is in this world so wide,
No gentler honest worth.
And though the hands are dark with toil,
It matters not, for God will bless
The labors of the plow.

Root Crops in Apple Orchards.

Eight years ago I purchased of a reliable firm five hundred apple trees, three years old, planted them on sod ground, taking great pains in setting them, in "soil loam" land and quite stony. The following spring, after planting, I turned over the sod all but one acre, to make the experiment. I think the acre not turned was equal, if not better, than the rest of the orchard. The first year on the inverted sod, I planted potatoes with clean culture, no manure. The second year I planted corn, with a light coat of manure, say ten loads to the acre, fresh manure spread on the furrows. At the same time gave the acre ten loads of manure as gulch around the trees, also leaving the grass to decay on the ground, not mowing it. Third year, planted potatoes on the cultivated part; fourth, corn; fifth, potatoes; sixth, corn; seventh, potatoes; eighth, corn; with a seeding to clover on the acre of sod ground. I gave the trees a mulching every year, kept those pruned alike which were of the same varieties as on cultivated part of the lot. Now, for results. On those I had cultivated I had fine specimens of apples the third year after setting, with a fine vigorous growth of wood. On the acre not tilled, no fruit, and not much growth. Seventh year after planting on cultivated portion of lot, I had a fine crop of apples, every tree making a vigorous growth of wood, and it is now one of the finest young orchards in Saratoga county. The trees on the acre not cultivated are only about one-fourth as large as the others, look scrubby, with very little fruit on them seven years after setting, and what apples were on them were inferior to the others. During the eight years I suffered no stock to run in the lot, neither did I mow the grass on the acre, but let it fall and decay on the ground every year. Perhaps some will say those trees where I cultivated will overbear themselves and decay, but I have no fears of that, as I have watched the progress of trees treated in the same manner for over thirty years. In my opinion, every man planting out an orchard should first take the greatest pains in planting, and after that, keep the cleanest culture with hood crops, root crops being the best for the trees. If not treated in this manner, I think those who set an orchard will not make it a success. For the last thirty years I watched the progress of apple trees, from the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the western borders of Iowa, and I see so much tardiness in the cultivation of fruit trees, that I would like to preach a sermon to seven-eighths of the farmers as long as the distance I have mentioned. But perhaps it would avail nothing, as many farmers advocate that trees must not be disturbed at the root or branches after setting out.—Cor. Journal of the Farm.

SALT AS MANURE.—Various experiments have been made by M. Peligot and others in Europe, to test the value of salt as manure. The following summing up seems to have been arrived at: Salt should never be applied other than in a pulviscous, state, and never employed on impervious, cold and humid soils. The best manner to use it, is to combine it with other manures, a dose of 200 weight to the acre being sufficient. When selected to destroy insects, it should be applied before sunrise. In the case of cereals, salt strengthens the stems and causes the ears to fill better, and favors the dissolution and assimilation of the phosphates and silicates. It acts vigorously on potatoes and can be detected in their ashes to the extent of one-half of one per cent. Asparagus is a veritable gluton in the presence of salt. A dose of 300 weight per acre acts without fail on beets, injuring its value for sugar purposes, but enhancing it for the feeding of cattle. Colza has as marked a predilection for salt as asparagus, and in Holland, where the culture of peas is so extensive, salt is something like a necessity. Mixed with hay in the proportion of a quarter of a pound to 100 weight, the fodder is rendered more appetizing; but the best way to feed it to animals is to allow them to enjoy it in the form of rock salt. It is calculated that a horse appropriates daily one-tenth of an ounce of salt, an ox one-half that quantity, and a sheep and a pig one-half that required by an ox.

How TO TREAT OVERHEATED ANIMALS.—The Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recommends the following preparation for animals suffering from being overheated. To one pint of water put an ounce of chloride of ammonia, one ounce of sweet spirits of nitre, one drachm of tincture of acetone; give a teaspoonful every hour or two.

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RICHARD GROVES.

The Stolen Child.

The child mystery of Philadelphia continues unsolved. No positive evidence has yet been obtained which offers any reliable clue to the abductors or their place of concealment. A number of suspicious characters have been arrested and it was thought on Tuesday last that the right parties had been found. One man, who was arrested, is said to have been an old hand at the kidnapping business in England, having stolen a child in Yorkshire some years ago, for the ransom of which he demanded £500, though unsuccessfully. This man is said to answer the description of the larger of the two men who stole Charley Ross. A farmer professes to have seen two men at a bar on the night of the first of July, when the little boy with them, who was crying, and that they attempted to pacify him with candy. The little fellow would not stop crying and one of the men struck him to make him stop. The other remonstrated with him for striking the child. This child is thought to have been Charley Ross. A barber, of Allentown, Pa., says that on the morning of the 7th of July a carriage, drawn by two horses that seemed to be very tired, stopped in front of the First National Bank, and that two men, one tall the other short, a woman and a little boy got out. The woman was well dressed and wore a heavy gold watch and chain. The woman and the tall man entered his shop with the child and engaged him to cut the boy's hair, which was light and in long curls. While having this done the woman talked to the child and promised him ice-cream and candy to keep quiet. The barber says the child seemed to be bewildered, as if he did not know what was going to be done with him, and that he neither laughed nor cried, nor paid any attention to what the woman said to him. A gentleman who was near also noticed the parties and the child, and professes to have had his suspicions aroused. These gentlemen have since seen the photograph of little Ross and say they are confident that the little fellow of the barber shop was the stolen child. The theory that the child is still in Philadelphia, however, prevails to a great extent, and a general and thorough search of all the homes for friendly children and such other homes is talked of. This will probably be done. In the meantime every possible effort is being made by the detectives to track the villains, though, greatly to their credit, they refuse to do anything that they have done, or are going to do. From present prospects it is hoped that the child will be restored to his parents before another week shall have passed.

THE TILTON-BEECHER SCANDAL.—The truth or falsity of this disgusting affair will, doubtless, soon be made known. On Tuesday last, a young lawyer named Wm. J. Gaynor entered a complaint before Justice Riley, of Brooklyn, against Theo. Tilton for libel on the Rev. H. W. Beecher. Gaynor said his object was to bring the matter before the court and have it investigated and cleared up. The writ was served upon Tilton and he was carried before the Judge and pleaded "not guilty." He was then discharged on his own recognizance and the trial fixed for the next day, Wednesday. It is to be hoped that this matter will now be fully sifted, and the truth or falsity of it brought to light.

THANKS.—We tender our thanks to Messrs. Herriek & Eccles, of Odessa, for a quart basket of the largest and finest blackberries we ever saw. They were of the Wilson variety and were considerably larger than pigeon eggs, and of most excellent flavor. They were grown on the small farm of the above named gentlemen, at Odessa.

A Terrible Storm.

Pittsburg and Allegheny City and vicinity were visited with a terrible rain storm on Sunday last. The rain fell steadily all day but toward evening it descended in a perfect deluge, swelling the streams and flooding the country. Houses were swept from their foundations and torn to pieces. The force of the storm was felt more severely in Allegheny City than elsewhere. For some time a mile out on Spring garden a heavy cloud of destruction was every where visible. Houses were thrown together in heaps and utterly ruined. The water rose to the depth of 15 feet, flooding the stores and other houses and ruining the streets. Bridges were swept away, trees torn up by the roots and everything in fact, in the track of the flood, was literally destroyed. The wildest excitement prevailed. Hundreds of women and children were rescued, and horses and cattle perished in the flood. The bodies of over a hundred persons have been recovered. In some instances whole families were drowned. The tunnel of the Pan Handle railroad was flooded to the depth of four feet and rendered impassable for the trains. At McLaughlin's, eleven miles west, eleven persons are reported drowned, also hundreds of horses, cattle, sheep, &c.

The prevailing theory is that the disaster was caused by a water spout. Several gentlemen say that a heavy cloud, of funnel shape and black as ink, was seen hanging over the city, the narrow, or small and being lowest.

It is impossible for persons not acquainted with the locality to understand the full extent of the damage done by this terrible storm. Those of our readers who witnessed the effects of our great flood last summer can form some idea of the magnitude of this fearful disaster. The heavy rains had swollen the streams in the hills at the rear of city until they burst their barriers and whole masses of accumulated waters fell suddenly upon the city, sweeping away everything in their course. The destruction of property was immense.

A meeting of citizens was held to devise means for the relief of the sufferers, many hundreds of families having been made destitute.

Great stores have also visited various parts of the West. On Friday of last week a terrible storm burst upon the town of Eureka, Nevada, flooding the streets to the depth of many feet. The eastern portion of the town was flooded in less than ten minutes and houses were torn from their foundations and destroyed. The inhabitants, who were huddled in upon a little rise in the center of that part of the town, were rescued from their perilous position by means of ropes. The flood lasted only half an hour but in that short space of time the damage done is almost incredible: thirty houses were swept away, among them the office of the *San Francisco* newspaper, and it is thought that upwards of twenty-five or thirty lives were lost. This disaster was also caused by a water spout.

NOMINATION BY BALLOT.

LETTER FROM SAMUEL TOWNSEND.

Mr. Editor:—I hereby send a few lines, the last I hope, to your paper on the great vital question of Nomination by Ballot: I even should not have written this only William Dean has put it in its appearance again, and as I am attacked, and always have been by the ring and posse, who are afraid of the masses, my reply will be in general terms and as short as I can make it.

First, in regard to these rules and the Democratic meeting held on the 6th of last June: what is called the Democratic party two years ago appointed Mr. George Gray, a lawyer of good standing and a gentleman, living at our county town, New Castle, and it is presumed, with two years' experience as chairman of our county meetings, that if any rules had existed which he thought as binding he would have called a county meeting in May, so the requirements of those rules could have been carried out. This itself ought to satisfy any reasonable man said rules were of force and the resolution to nominate by ballot was carried unanimously. As it is, there is a snarl; and I suggested that we adjourned to the call of Mr. Gray, and he seeing that I was not going to stand, he called a meeting, not having the rules read from beginning to end to the meeting, the best thing he could do would be to call the party together and tell them of his mistake or neglect in not having them read, and advise the question acted.

The committee, or a majority of them, in the office of John O'Byrne, agreed to report in favor of nomination by ballot, William Dean's statement to the contrary notwithstanding, and I now call on Mr. O'Byrne, as our chairman, to publish what we did, so all can see I am correct.

Now, William Dean, don't you know any better than to state in a public paper that the constitution would have to be altered in order that the counties could be laid off in single election districts? Each county under our constitution has seven representatives and three senators, making ten to each county, but never over eight and nine in each county are elected in any one year. To increase the number of representatives and senators over thirty in our State would require the constitution to be amended, but this is not necessary if there is no increase.

Now, William, with regard to leaving and defeating the party in your case, don't you think it is like the kettle making noise when the pot is boiling? The difference in our cases, you traveled 700 miles in 1872, to Louisville, Ky., to help take up a disorganizing Democrat, O'Connor, on purpose to defeat the Democratic candidate as adopted at the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, supported by a majority of the party in Delaware, going against your friend, Mr. Bayard, who made speeches in Delaware, the election of the Greeley presidential electors; you nominated O'Connor electors and were ignominiously beaten. You then tried to get up a newspaper organ to rival the *London Times* or *New York Herald*, but all went into this air. Now, sir, I had good cause in 1872 to get up a party in this county. I did not run to Kentucky, but in this county where I was raised and people knew best, when I was imposed on and treated by a party that I had helped as much as any man living to put into power, and a personal war made on me because an individual of the party and me fell out. They exposed his side, and although there was no precedent to nominate only by ballot, in 1872 when my brother was nominated by, I believe, 134 out of 135 votes. I had forgot to mention that on the same day and by said vote, we were five delegates elected; so, if the party at our county meeting adopted ballot, here was the vote; if they fell back, as we heard the ring intimated, on the delegate plan, here was the precedent to nominate only by ballot, in 1872 when my brother was nominated by, I believe, 134 out of 135 votes. 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